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Lebanon

Attack on Bus -- Six IDF soldiers were killed and 22 were wounded when gunmen attacked a bus carrying Israeli soldiers going home on leave near 'Alayh, southeast of Beirut, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement reported by Jerusalem radio. IDF reinforcements rushed to the area in search of the attackers and imposed a curfew on the town, the radio said.

Withdrawal of Foreign Forces -- U.S. envoy Philip Habib met with President Hafiz al-Asad and other Syrian officials in Damascus over the weekend, according to Damascus radio. Monte Carlo radio said both Syria and Israel have agreed in principle to implement the first stage of the U.S. plan for the withdrawal of their forces from Lebanon on the condition that this is linked to approval of the entire plan. The first stage provides for a Syrian withdrawal northeast from the Al-Biqa' Valley and an IDF withdrawal southward to the Az-Zahrani River, the radio said. A second stage whereby the Syrians would withdraw completely from Lebanon and the Israelis would fall back to the Litani River is still under discussion. The third and final stage, which would involve Israeli-Lebanese negotiations, would result in a complete Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon after Israel's security has been guaranteed by demilitarizing the border zone south of the Litani River, the radio added. Palestinian sources cited by the radio said the PLO does not reject the idea of withdrawing its forces from Lebanon if neogiations on this are held with the PLO and if Lebanese, Arab and international guarantees are secured for the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon to prevent massacres and expulsions.

Israeli sources cited by Jerusalem radio denied that an agreement has been reached for the withdrawal of IDF and Syrian forces from Lebanon, adding that Israel insists that the "terrorists" leave Lebanon before the Israelis do. However, THE JERUSALEM POST asserted that Israeli officials were encouraged by the Monte Carlo radio report on a withdrawal agreement, contending that the report was probably a deliberate Syrian Government leak. The paper indicated there is optimism in the Israeli Government that the PLO will also leave Lebanon after losing the Syrian military umbrella. On southern Lebanon, Israel wants a security agreement between Lebanon and Israel for a 40-45 km border zone, the paper confirmed.

Identity of Al-Jumayyil's Assassin -- Bashir al-Jumayyil's confessed assassin is a member of Lebanon's Syrian Socialist Nationalist Party (SSNP) and has connections with Palestinian and Syrian intelligence, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. However, the radio subsequently broadcast an official statement by the SSNP denying it has any connection with the culprit. Nevertheless, Lebanese sources cited by AFP said the assassin has claimed he was given the detonator for the bomb by an SSNP leader who was acting on orders of "a foreign country."

Political developments -- President Amin al-Jumayyil has entrusted Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan with the formation of a new government, Voice of Lebanon radio reported on 4 October. Earlier, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon noted that President al-Jumayyil had accepted U.S. President Ronald Reagan's invitation for talks at the White House on 19 October.

Israel

Reaction to Foreign Press on Sharon -- In response to an article in the London weekly, THE SUNDAY TIMES, which alleged that a meeting between Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon and the IDF high command resulted in a near-mutiny, Jerusalem radio affirmed that two such meetings had occurred and that harsh words were exchanged, although THE TIMES article had exaggerated the incident. The IDF spokesman stressed in an announcement carried by IDF radio that "normal working relations and relations of trust prevail" between the defense minister and the IDF. Reacting to a similar article in NEWSWEEK, a Defense Ministry spokesman denied the allegations of military dissent and stated that this is a foreign "campaign" against Sharon, Jerusalem radio reported.

Sharon Interview -- Israeli Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon has insisted that from the very first moment he heard of the Beirut massacres he demanded an investigation. In an interview with journalists on a European radio program broadcast on 29 September, reported by the paper YEDI'OT AHARONOT, Sharon dismissed the idea of a Palestinian state in the occupied territories although he differentiated between the PLO "terrorists organization" and the Palestinian people, with whom he said Israel would like to live in peace. On the assassination of Lebanese President-elect Bashir al-Jumayyil, Sharon alleged that the act was committed by Lebanese elements connected with Syria.

Kahan To Head Inquiry -- Supreme Court President Yitzhaq Kahan will head the commission of inquiry into the Beirut massacre, Jerusalem radio announced.

Egypt

Mubarak Speech -- Addressing a meeting of the People's Assembly and the Consultative Council on 3 October, President Husni Mubarak condemned Israeli policy as greatly offending peace and stability in the Middle East, adding that this will result in "grave consequences." In the speech, carried by Cairo radio, Mubarak praised the Reagan plan as a "suitable basis" for discussion and stressed that Egypt is in the forefront of promoting this initiative. He suggested that the Palestinians take advantage of "international sympathy" present at this time and translate it into positive steps for a settlement. On the domestic economy, Mubarak called for an increase in production of industrial and agricultural goods, adding that the national economy should be strengthened to confront foreign competition.

Emergency Law Extended -- The People's Assembly General Committee approved a presidential decree extending the Emergency Law for one more year, Cairo radio reported. Speaking at the People's Assembly on this topic, Prime Minister Fu'ad Muhyi ad-Din said stability and legality in the country are still threatened and revealed that some members of the group involved in last October's incidents have been reorganizing, MENA reported. He also disclosed that only 145 people are still in detention.

Iran-Iraq War

Military Situation -- Iranian and Iraqi media carried conflicting reports over the weekend on the fighting in the central sector. A military communique carried by Tehran radio on 1 October asserted that Iranian forces completed positioning their forces west of Sumar and reoccupied 150 sq km of Iranian territory and seven border posts. The communique claimed that military "security" was established in the Iraqi town of Mandali and that Iranian forces are watching over the road to Baghdad. On the same day, the radio alleged that seven Iraqi counterattacks were smashed. On 2 October, an Iranian military communique carried by the radio affirmed that Iranian forces consolidated their newly acquired positions and repulsed Iraqi counteroffensives. It added that 103 Iraqi soldiers had been captured. An Iranian Guards Corps communique carried by the radio that day reported operations in the Meymak region resulting in over 150 Iraqis killed. On 3 October the Guards Corps penetrated Iraqi territory in the western sector and killed 100 Iraqis, wounded 150 and captured 3 tanks, a Guards Corps communique carried by the radio asserted. According to an Iranian Joint Staff communique carried by the radio, clashes continued on 3 October and nearly 200 Iraqis were captured. The Iranian Ground Forces commander said in a published interview that Iran had suffered few casualties, IRNA reported.

On 2 October, an Iraqi military communique carried by Baghdad radio said Iran "tried its luck again" in an attempt to cross into Iraq on the way to Mandali. This attack was aborted and Iran lost many men, the communique claimed. Iraqi planes and helicopters also played a part in the victories, it noted. That day INA reported that the Iraqi Navy hit two naval targets in the Persian Gulf. An Iraqi military spokesman, in a statement on 3 October carried by Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio, asserted that Iranian forces again tried to overrun Iraqi troops near Mandali but were repulsed and sustained heavy losses. Meanwhile, Arab and foreign journalists toured Mandali and observed normal life in the city, Baghdad radio averred.

Iraqi Appeals, Response -- The Iraqi Foreign Ministry under secretary called on Arab states to implement the Fes Arab summit resolution on a collective Arab response to aggression, Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio reported. The official said Iraq has requested that these states sever all relations with Iran. According to INA, Iraq has also contacted the Arab League, the Nonaligned Movement, the OAU and the Islamic Conference Organization asking for support. INA also reported that the Iraqi foreign minister left for the United Nations to attend a special Security Council meeting to be held on Iraq's request.

In recognition of the Fes Arab summit resolutions, Sudanese President Ja'far Numayri has decided to prepare a military contingent to back Iraq, SUNA reported. An official Jordanian spokesman announced in a statement carried by Amman radio that Jordan will uphold the Fes summit resolutions and that other Arab states should adopt a pan-Arab stand in support of Iraq. A Saudi Royal Court statement carried by SPA expressed "regret" at Iran's resumption of the war against Iraq and appealed to the two countries to halt the fighting. In a phone conversation with Iraqi President Saddam Husayn, the YAR president stressed his commitment to the Fes summit's joint Arab defense pact, San'a' radio reported.

Baghdad Commentary -- A Baghdad Voice of the Masses radio commentary asserted that the Iraqi Army is now better equipped and is in a "state of fury" because Iraqi peace offers have been rejected.

Iranian Comment -- Iranian Majlis Speaker 'Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani said in an interview with a Tehran paper that Iran has achieved all planned objectives for recapturing the Iranian heights overlooking Mandali, IRNA reported. He denied accusations that Iran wants to capture Mandali itself and pointed out that Iranian forces are now 100 km from Baghdad. In a speech to the military on 3 October, carried by Tehran radio, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni priased Iranian forces for their "spiritual victories" and asserted that Iraqi President Saddam Husayn's appeals for international involvement prove that Iraq was unable to repulse the offensive. Khomeyni reiterated Iranian demands for an 'Islamic peace" under which one could determine the aggressor's actions and settle war reparations.

Iran

Tehran Bomb Blast -- A bomb blast in southern Tehran on 1 October destroyed one hotel, damaged seven others and killed or wounded hundreds of people, Tehran radio announced. The interior minister said in a statement carried by the radio that "U.S. mercenaries" were responsible for the act and that arrests have been made. He added that up to 60 people died from the explosion.

Trial Results -- IRNA reported that two "co-conspirators" of former Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh were executed on 29 September by verdict of the army tribunal for participating in a coup plot. Seven others were sentenced to prison terms of 2 years to life and three had "incomplete" trials.

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HUNGARIAN LEADERS INVITE KARMAL TO VISIT

LD030654 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0510 GMT 3 Oct 82

[Text] Kabul Oct 2, BAKHTAR -- Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, will visit Hungary at the head of a high ranking party and state delegation for an official and friendly visit at the invitation of Janos Kadar, first secretary of the Hungarian Workers' Party, and Pal Losonczi, president of the State Council of the Hungarian People's Republic.

KARMAL INTERVIEWED ON EVE OF VISIT TO HUNGARY

LD040636 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0455 GMT 4 Oct 82

[Text] Kabul, Oct 3 BAKHTAR -- Following is the text of an interview granted by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of PDPA CC, president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA to a BIA [BAKHTAR Information Agency] correspondent on the eve of his friendly visit to Hungary:

Q: Esteemed Babrak Karmal, please throw some light on the friendly relations existing between the DRA and Hungarian People's Republic.

A: We have the best of friendly and comradely relations with the Hungarian People's Republic, a member of the community of socialist countries headed by the Soviet Union.

Since the two countries are bound together by common and noble ideals, these relations have successfully passed the test of time in a short period and have changed to the best example and pattern in the international relations.

The earnest belief of both the countries in the cause of consolidation of world peace, in the struggle for achieving noble ideals, and in the struggle against imperialism, hegemonism, Zionism, racism, and apartheid and efforts for the happiness of the working man and construction of a just and prosperous society imparts common dimensions of the policies of both the countries.

Both the countries have common positions with regard to the international issues and problems and are true comrades-in-arms in the struggle for the cause of peace and progress and against war and reaction.

Fortunately after the April Revolution and its new and evolutionary phase the relations between the two countries acquired further expansion and have [as received] to a high qualitative level.

Similarly the relations between the two brotherly parties namely the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and the Workers' Socialist Party of Hungary have further expanded and enriched.

Our relations with the Hungarian People's Republic are expanding and growing in various spheres and embracing new spheres every day.

The exchange of delegations between the two countries helps both the sides to make use of each other's experiences. Such contacts give an opportunity to our young republic to make maximum use of the rich experiences and enormous developments of the Hungarian People's Republic in the construction of a new and just society and the very advanced technical possibilities of that country.

The history of revolutions in the two countries has witnessed almost similar events. The world imperialism provoked the counter-revolution against the victorious revolution of Hungarian people and is now arming the counter-revolution in our country and creates obstacles in the way of construction of a new and just society in our country.

Both the countries have enjoyed the internationalist assistances of the Soviet Union in their most critical and vital moments of their lives and have tested the proletarian internationalism in the most vital moments of their history.

Our revolution is enjoying the all-round support of the fraternal country of the Hungarian People's Republic and all members of the family of socialist countries headed by the USSR and we are grateful for this vital support from the bottom of our heart.

Q: Esteemed Babrak Karmal, please explain the role of the visit of the high-ranking state and party delegation of Afghanistan to Hungary in the consolidation, deepening and expansion of relations of the two countries.

A: We are looking forward with profound interest to visit with the party and state leaders of Hungary especially the esteemed comrade Janos Kadar, first secretary of the Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party. I am sure that the exchange of views with them on the mutually interested issues and the world's major issues not only would have a very constructive and useful role in the expansion of fraternal and friendly relations between the two countries but in a more extensive dimension it will also enjoy international significance.

You know that Hungary is an advanced country of the world and is engaged in the construction of an advanced socialist society. In this visit, the ground will be provided to make use of the great and valuable experiences of the party and state of the Hungarian People's Republic towards the creation of a blossoming and prosperous society in the revolutionary Afghanistan.

The visit of the party and state delegation of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the Hungarian People's Republic would lay the new foundation stones for the expansion of all-sided political, economic, social, cultural and technical cooperation between the two countries. This visit will strengthen the existing cooperations and will provide the prospects of new cooperations.

Another significance of this visit lies in this, that opportunity is provided for the first time after the revolution to make our Hungarian brothers aware personally from the developments, victories and gains of the April Revolution and its new evolutionary phases.

This visit would give us the opportunity to intensify our struggle for the common ideals of both the sides by working out the identity of views of both the sides regarding the acute international issues.

KARMAL DEPARTS; DELEGATION MEMBERS NAMED

LD031630 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 3 Oct 82

[Excerpt] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, heading a high-ranking party and state delegation, today arrived in the Uzbek capital, Tashkent, while en route to the Hungarian People's Republic.

According to TASS, Karmal and his entourage were warmly welcomed by the high-ranking party and state authorities of Tashkent, Afghan students and Tashkent residents.

Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, heading a high-ranking PDPA party and state delegation, left this morning by a special airplane for Budapest at the invitation of Hungarian Socialist Worker's Party Central Committee First Secretary J. Kadar and the chairman of the Hungarian State Council to pay an official and friendly visit to Hungary.

Babrak Karmal and his entourage were seen off at Kabul Airport by members of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and party secretaries; members of the party Central Committee; members of the Revolutionary Council Presidium; the chairman and members of the Council of Ministers; the president and members of the Supreme Council; the leadership, deputies and members of the National Fatherland Front; heads of the High Council of Ulema and religious leaders and heads of Islamic affairs and their members; heads of the Democratic Women's and Youth Organizations of Afghanistan and leadership delegations; the president of the Afghan Trade Union Central Council and its members; members of the Afghan Trade Union Central Council and its members; members of the Afghan Peasants Union Central Council; the leadership of the Afghan Pioneers; a number of generals and officers of the armed forces; high-ranking state officials; the Kabul governor and Kabul mayor; and ambassadors, charges d'affaires and military attaches of friendly countries.

The DRA high-ranking party and state delegation accompanying Babrak Karmal on his visit to the Hungarian People's Republic is as follows:

Dr Saleh Mohammad Ziray, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and party secretary.
Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the party Central Committee Politburo and secretary.
Engineer Mohammad Esma'il Danesh, Politburo candidate member and minister of mines and industry.
Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs.
(Shazad Lival), member of the party Central Committee and head of the south-eastern zone.
Mohammad Anwar Farzam, secretary of the Revolutionary Council Presidium.

Babrak Karmal is also accompanied by the deputy head of the party's International Relations Department; the deputy minister of foreign affairs; the director of the Department of Information and Publications at the Foreign Ministry; the director of the fourth zone section [as heard]; the commander of the National Guard Brigade; and also a press delegation.

SOVIET, GOVERNMENT TROOPS AMBUSHED IN KONARHA

BK031435 Hong Kong AFP in English 1426 GMT 3 Oct 82

[Text] Peshawar, Pakistan, Oct. 3 (AFP) -- Afghan resistance fighters destroyed most of a large convoy of Soviet and government troops loyal to Kabul in an ambush in Afghanistan's eastern Konarha Valley, Afghan rebel sources here said today.

The sources said that some 200 government troops were killed or wounded in the attack, which took place Tuesday.

The reported operation, which Western diplomatic sources said was plausible, would be the largest rebel attack in the region in six months.

The convoy was heading under air protection to Asmar, an important government stronghold in the north of Konarha Valley near the Pakistan border, to relieve a contingent of troops there when the insurgents attacked, the sources here said.

The rebels claimed to have destroyed 24 government troop transport vehicles, and said only 20 of their fighters were killed.

The sources here said Tuesday was a Moslem holy day and the Soviet headquarters might have chosen to move the convoy then in the hope that insurgents would observe a religious truce.

Radio Kabul recently reported fighting in the Asmar region.

VIOLENCE BREAKS OUT NORTHEAST OF DELHI

7 Killed in Meerut

BK020636 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 2 Oct 82

[Text] In Meerut, seven persons were killed yesterday, including four in police firing, following mob violence and an attack on the police, an official spokesman told the All-India Radio Lucknow correspondent this morning. Curfew has been imposed on (Nesarigate) and (Bhumiapol) areas of the city. The situation is reported to be under control. All precautionary measures are being taken.

AFP Report

NC022019 Paris AFP in English 1857 GMT 2 Oct 82

[Text] New Delhi, Oct (AFP) -- Fresh violence between the Hindu and Moslem communities northeast of here has brought the autumn death toll to 23, Press Trust of India (PTI) reported today. The latest round of violence, which erupted Thursday in Meerut, 75 km (45 miles) northeast of the capital, has claimed 10 lives, PTI said.

An indefinite curfew has been imposed on many sectors of the city and paramilitary forces were rushed in from New Delhi to try and maintain order. PTI quoted the district magistrate, Shambu Nath, as saying the situation has become "more tense." Last night police opened fire on rioters attacking houses belonging to Hindu untouchables, but the fire was returned and in the ensuing battle one person was killed and another injured.

More incidents of arson, brickbatting and stabbing were reported today, Mr. Nath added. He said police had recovered large quantities of arms, including locally made pistols, bombs and hand grenades. A PTI journlaist who visited the riot torn city today reported scarcely a soul on the normally bustling streets.

Prohibitory Orders Imposed

BK030917 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 3 Oct 82

[Text] In Aligarh, prohibitory orders have been imposed till the 15th of this month following last week's violent incidents. Police patrolling has been intensified and pickets have been posted in various sensitive places as a precautionary measure.

Gandhi Speaks on Unrest

BK031633 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 3 Oct 82

[Text] Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi today expressed deep concern over the recent recurrence of communal trouble in some places. She said politically motivated forces are trying to create distrust and uncertainty among the people. These elements have to be opposed and communal problems tackled with a firm hand so that these forces do not raise their heads once again in the country.

Addressing the eve of session general body meeting of the Congress-I party in Parliament in New Delhi, Mrs Gandhi called upon all sections of society to work unitedly to face these challenges. Pointing out that the country is facing a very difficult financial situation, Mrs Gandhi said that agitations being launched by vested interests will only adversely affect capabilities of the country to solve such problems.

Briefing newsmen on the proceedings of the meeting, Parliamentary Party General Secretary K. Lakappa said that during her 30-minute address, Mrs Gandhi advised congressmen to take initiative in tackling these problems.

About the Jammu and Kashmir resettlement bill, the prime minister said that individual cases can be examined but it would not be desirable to open the gate for all aspirants. She disclosed that the opinion of several jurists is not in favor of adopting the bill. Mrs Gandhi also expressed concern over the floods in different states.

In a brief reference to her visit to the Soviet Union, the prime minister said that she had exchanged views reiterating India's friendship with that country and desire for enlarging cooperation. Mrs Gandhi said that the situation in the international sphere is getting worse because several destabilizing forces are at work. She reiterated that India's efforts have always been directed to bring about harmony with her neighbors and establish peace in the neighborhood. The prime minister reiterated that no country should interfere in the internal affairs of another country, and this aspect has been stressed by India in all international forums.

Referring to the forthcoming Asian Games and nonaligned conference, the prime minister said that Asia will give us an opportunity to keep up the honor and prestige of the nation. Earlier, glowing tributes were paid to some leaders who passed away during the intersession period. They include Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Gopal Sowarup Pathak and C.D. Deshmukh.

RAO SPEAKS AT UN ON ARMS BUILDUP IN REGION

BK020715 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 2 Oct 82

[Text] India has expressed concern over the increased superpower military buildup in the Indian Ocean and called for immediate action to check the deteriorating security environment. India's concern was voiced by Minister for External Affairs Narasimha Rao while addressing the UN General Assembly yesterday.

Rao pointed out that theories of balance of power are being advanced to justify the induction of sophisticated arms into the area. He said the time has come for starting the process of elimination of foreign military presence from the Indian Ocean. Rao told the assembly that the Colombo conference, scheduled to be held next year, will deal with this question in a forthright manner.

Rao drew the attention of the General Assembly to the unprecedented buildup of sophisticated arms in South Asian Subcontinent unrelated either to reasonable needs or threat perceptions. He said it points to the continuance of situations detrimental to regional independence and harmony. He, however, expressed the hope that the subcontinent would be able to usher in an era of peace which is more comprehensive than the mere absence of war and encompasses relationships of positive friendship and cooperation.

On disarmament, Rao said that Prime Minister Gandhi has proposed a concrete program of action including treaties banning nuclear weapons during the disarmament conference this year. But the nuclear powers did not allow the session to take any concrete steps.

RAO, CHEYSSON DISCUSS NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY

BK030925 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 3 Oct 82

[Text] External Affairs Minister Narasimha Rao will apprise the nonaligned foreign ministers tomorrow of the date of the seventh summit. As reported earlier, the nonaligned summit is to be held in New Delhi in March next.

The 2-day conference of the nonaligned foreign ministers at the United Nations is likely to discuss the situation in West Asia, particularly Lebanon and some other issues. The four-member nonaligned group comprising India, Cuba, Zambia and the PLO will report to the conference about its efforts to find a peaceful solution to the Iran-Iraq conflict. Narasimha Rao told the group yesterday that the war will weaken both Iran and Iraq. The UN Security Council is also holding an open session tomorrow to discuss the Iran-Iraq issue.

Meanwhile, Narasimha Rao continued discussions with more foreign ministers attending the General Assembly. He has had a meeting with French Minister Cheysson. The visit of President Mitterrand to India later this year figured during the discussions. The two leaders reportedly touched upon supply of French nuclear fuel to Tarapur.

Rao also had a meeting with Cuban Foreign Minister Malmierca.

AFP: SOVIETS OFFER MIG-27's TO GOVERNMENT

BK021415 Hong Kong AFP in English 0612 GMT 2 Oct 82

[Text] New Delhi, Oct. 2 (AFP) -- The Soviet Union is understood to have offered India the MiG-27 military aircraft, considered the most sophisticated fighter-interceptor of the MiG family, to help its current air defence modernisation programme, PTI news agency reported today.

India would also be given the technical knowhow to manufacture the aircraft indigenously under licence from the Soviet Union, the agency said.

Quoting defence sources, the agency said the MiG-27, which formed part of the Soviet Union's strike force, would gradually replace the MiG-21, which currently constituted the attack and defence arm of the Indian Air Force, along with the MiG-23 and the Anglo-French deep penetration strike aircraft, Jaguar.

Yesterday the Indian Defence Ministry announced that the first of the Indian-assembled Jaguars had just joined the air force, while two more were receiving finishing touches.

The report of the Soviet offer of the MiG-27 comes a few days before the scheduled arrival here of French Defence Minister Charles Hernu, who is expected to finalise an agreement with India for the sale of the French fighter-interceptor Mirage-2000.

Indian Defence Minister R. Venkataraman told Parliament in April that India had already signed an "intention to proceed" agreement with [words indistinct] buy and also to manufacture locally the Mirage-2000.

PTI said that apart from the MiG-21, the Indian Air Force also possessed the fighter-interceptor MiG-23 and the high altitude reconnaissance MiG-25.

Soviet experts, who had visited the Indian defence aircraft manufacturing unit Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, in south India, were convinced that India could manufacture a sophisticated interceptor like the MiG-27, the agency added.

An Indian Air Force evaluation team would soon visit the Soviet Union to further study the MiG-27's performance before accepting the Soviet offer, PTI said.

TEHRAN BOMB EXPLOSION KILLS, INJURES HUNDREDS

LD020432 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 2 Oct 82

[Text] Simultaneously with the valiant Muslim Son of the Prophet Operation and the brilliant victories scored by Islam's combatants over the mercenary agents of the United States in the region, domestic mercenaries of world imperialism resorted to yet another crime in Tehran and dragged in blood and soil a number of our selfless Muslim people.

At 2035 last night opposite a five-story hotel on Naser Khosrow Street, a severe explosion took place which resulted in huge losses and casualties. The explosion created a huge crater approximately 6-m long, 4-m wide and 3-m deep. As well as destroying the five-story building, the truck carrying the bomb, which had been parked in front of the building, considerably damaged seven other hotels, several houses and shops in the vicinity. Among the martyrs who fell victim to this crime by the U.S. mercenaries could be seen several children under 5-years old who were sleeping with their parents in these hotels. Also, two doubledecker buses and a regular bus of the United Bus Company, filled with passengers from among the meek population of southern Tehran, were destroyed. Most of these passengers were either wounded or martyred.

The martyrs and wounded who were the victims of this barbarous crime perpetrated by the agents of the United States were mainly guests in the hotels or individuals who were busy taking meals in the kebab houses, delicatessens and cafes around Imam Square. The presence at the scene of the bomb outrage last night of people who are ever-vigilant made the craven enemy lose heart. A short while after the bomb explosion, once again the ever-present and vigilant people, chanting the blasphemy-destroying slogans "God is the greatest," "There is no god but God!" and "Shame on the United States!," came to the scene of the outrage and sincerely rendered assistance to the relief forces in order to move the wounded to Tehran's various hospitals. At the same time another group of people, while carrying stickers on their cars to the effect that the hospitals urgently need various blood types, (?greatly helped) in moving [words indistinct] to the various hospitals in their private (?cars).

According to this report, the bodies of a number of martyrs were blown up and could not be identified.

Colonel Hejazi, chief of Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who arrived on the scene an hour after the bomb outrage, said: In view of circumference of the explosion, the weight of the bomb must have been about 150 kg of TNT.

We still do not have an accurate report on the number of those wounded or martyred during this outrageous crime perpetrated by the U.S. mercenaries. However, three Tehran hospitals, including Sina Hospital, were filled with the wounded. Some 400 wounded were moved to Torfeh hospital alone, 50 of whom were kept, while the rest left the hospital after receiving emergency attention in the out-patient clinic.

Khomeyni Message

LD021410 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 2 Oct 82

[Text] Following the bomb explosion in Naser Khosrow Street in Tehran and the martyrdom and injury of hundreds of our compatriots, Imam Khomeyni, leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, issued the following message:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. "To God we belong and to Him we shall return. [Koranic verse]

A great criminal explosion, whose terrifying bang you heard last night and the enormity of whose horror you will hear of and see in the mass media, took place in southern Tehran among an oppressed population of the destitute and oppressed classes. It martyred and wounded hundreds of innocent and oppressed people and killed newborn infants in their mother's arms. It made humanity and honor mourn and further exposed the hideous faces of the deviationist and hypocritical Americans.

They take revenge for their shameful defeat on the oppressed people who are committed to Islam and live in the south of the city. They blame these people for their defeat.

Throughout history, the deprived citizens of southern Tehran and the oppressed classes, committed to human and Islamic values, have risen up against powers, power lovers and their associates and will continue to do so with ever-greater determination.

It is they who, through their permanent presence on the scene of Islam, crush powers with their clenched fists. They have disappointed the greedy who followed in the footsteps of the powers. My soldiers, corpsmen and members of the Mobilization and my other armed forces today come from this group and class. Our beloved nation sees that whenever it achieves victory and whenever the brave combatants of Islam and holy warriors of Iran defeat the enemies of Islam and nations and push them back, in revenge a group of deprived people are dragged in dust and blood. These criminals reveal their complexes and wrongly imagine that they can weaken and destabilize the brave combatants. They have not realized the power of Islam and faith and evaluate the nation and Islam using their bestial Western yardsticks. They are deprived of (?the people's honor) and are unaware of divine motives. Deaf, dumb and blind, they are devoid of wisdom.

One of their vain aims is probably to divert the attention of the Iranian nation and the world's oppressed from America's disgraceful defeat in the 'Aflaqite Saddam's war and his expulsion from Iran and attract it to this tragedy and give the (?Western) mass media an opportunity to cover up this serious defeat of America and its puppet Saddam through their extensive propaganda or to denigrate the great victory of the brave combatants. They are unaware that the revolutionary Iranian nation has put defending Islam and cutting off the hands of the arch-Satan in the region at the top of its priorities.

Although any human being who has not deviated from the divine path is mournful over this great crime and the martyrdom of a number of children, adults and innocent people and is sorrowful and sad about the injury of his brothers, he will not forget the honorable and antiblasphemous victory of the heroes of the fronts. The vigilant Iranian nation has recognized the satanic tricks of these criminals, knows who their agents are and considers this action identical to Israel's bestial crimes in Beirut.

I congratulate Islam, (?the lord of the era) and the noble Iranian nation on the great victory of the Iranian heroes and I condole everybody, in particular families, mothers, fathers and the oppressed, on this painful tragedy.

His excellency the prime minister is dutybound to appoint a council to attend to the families of martyrs and to the damage suffered. It must help and compensate for the damages of those who suffered in this tragedy.

Greetings to the oppressed martyred and injured and God's mercy upon the martyrs.

I beg of God, the most exalted, patience for the families of the martyrs and health and recovery for those wounded and suffering.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi-Khomeyni, Saturday, 2 October 1982

Relief for Victims Ordered

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[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, following a decree by the imam of the nation on investigating the circumstances of the martyrs' families and also those who suffered damage in the course of last night's bombing tragedy in Tehran, the prime minister has issued the following decree addressed to Dr 'Abbas Sheybani [candidate in the last presidential election].

In His exalted name. My esteemed brother, Dr 'Abbas Sheybani: As you know, the Islamic combatants and the heroic sons of this nation, continuing their just struggle against criminal American imperialism and its mercenary lackey, the aggressive and criminal Saddam, are inflicting deadly blows on the moribund and misguided Iraqi Army. They have already revived the immortal epics of Muslims in the early Islamic era. The devilish America, feeling helpless in confronting nations, resorts to other measures. One day it prepares the ground in Beirut for the massacre of the Muslim and defenseless and homeless Palestinians through the usurping Israel; another day, as a result of crushing blows dealt by the Islamic army, it lays waste and burns the risen and oppressed nation of Islamic Iran through its mercenary internal agents and the hypocrites in an indiscriminate and dastardly manner.

Following last night's terrifying explosion, in which another group of oppressed brothers and sisters and innocent people in south Tehran were drenched in fire and blood, and in implementing the strict orders of the great leader of the Islamic revolution, His Eminence Imam Khomeyni, may his blessings continue, Your Excellency, at the head of a council set up by yourself, is commissioned to take measures to attend to the condition of the families of martyrs and those injured and to cover the material damage caused by this terrible crime and to inform me of the results.

Obviously, the serving government will make every effort to help the oppressed families of the martyred and the victims of this heart-rending tragedy.

I beg the Almighty's mercy for the martyrs, to recovery of those injured in last night's tragedy, victory for the combatants of Islam and defeat for the infidels and hypocrites.

[Signed] Mir-Hoseyn Musavi, the prime minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Interior Minister Comments

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[Statement given by Interior Minister 'Ali Akbar Nateq-Nuri to a Central News Unit correspondent on 2 October following the 1 October Tehran bomb explosion -- recorded]

[Excerpt] I must say that the incident was expected; it did not surprise us. As our aware people know, whenever our combatants achieve new victories at the fronts and make people happy with their achievements -- like yesterday -- these victories are usually followed by the American mercenaries' attempts to squelch happiness. Therefore, the tragedy was quite expected. We knew that one was going to happen in the country in one way or another. This happened last night. Yet what is unfortunate is the fact that such indiscriminate acts are usually carried out in a manner in which the most deprived masses fall victim to them. [passage indistinct]

Well, the bomb exploded on the corner of Naser Khosrow and Amir-Kabir Streets in front of the subway. A large number of people were injured, including those staying in the nearby hotels; usually only the most deprived stay in those hotels. Around 50 to 60 persons were martyred. This is the latest figure given to me.

Of course, [words indistinct] to be transferred to the hospitals, personnel of the fire brigade, police and committees as well as hospitals showed a unity of action. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude.

At the same time, a number of people have been arrested. Those arrested are suspects. [Words indistinct], God willing, after further investigation we hope to reach some conclusions and identify the culprits. I should not elaborate any further until after the investigation, when we will inform our nation of the findings.

As I said earlier, we expected such a tragedy. Yesterday, after the victory achieved by our brother combatants at the fronts, we sent out a circular to the [Revolution] Committees warning them as well as the police to take care, remain vigilant and watch for parked vehicles, especially in areas of importance and areas frequented by large crowds. As a result of last night's tragic incident, I am determined to follow up the issue and find out what steps should have been taken, and in case there is any negligence on the party of the committees or the police, the issue will be followed up and those responsible prosecuted. God willing, we will inform the nation of the outcome of this investigation as well.

KHOMEYNI SPEECH ON OFFENSIVE, TEHRAN EXPLOSION

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[Speech by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni to military cadets, military college officials, soldiers and armed forces relief workers at Hoseyniyeh Jamaran on 3 October -- recorded, duration 37 minutes]

[Excerpts] Despite all his crimes, Saddam is claiming to be a peace-loving person. In a recent interview, which I received this week, perhaps today, Saddam says that his impression of Islam and the Islamic principles are such that the others have not been able to reach them. He says that our impression is that we should not commit any aggression against another country. Well, one must have a lot of courage to be able to assert such a thing before his people, who know well that he is lying. If Saddam was not aware of what was happening inside his army, well, that could have been accepted; but he sees his army and its performance.

The recent victory ranks among the greatest spiritual victories. Our forces now occupy a position overlooking Iraq and the Iraqi plain. Despite this great victory, Saddam is once again saying: Well, yes, they launched an offensive, but the attack was repulsed and the Iranian foces were destroyed.

Well, if our forces were destroyed, if there were not defeat on your part, then why did you hastily rush to the Security Council and the Arab governments, dispatch missions here and there, asking the Security Council to prevent further fighting? If you have repulsed our forces, then why are you asking the Security Council to intervene? Then you were frightened, dispatching missions here and there to the world capitals, in order to find a way for your rescue. Now that you have triumphed, what is the use of the aid you are looking for?

I hope that you who are studying at Iran's military college, you who are considered to be the hope of Iran and Islam in the future, should always be aware of the presence of God Almighty, furthering your faith and dedication and following the concept of independence. With this in mind, you should complete your education and training. You are all this nation's hope and, God willing, you will achieve even greater victories for this nation.

Our nation, especially the youths, ought to consider entering military colleges. These colleges are important institutions for Iran and we hope, with the nation's support for these institutions through participation in them, to help in the creation of a strong army. Of course, our army is already strong. I mean an even-much-stronger army, which would enable us to survive against any power.

I would like to repeat once again that we are defending Islam; we have been defending Islam from the beginning. We have been peace-loving from the beginning, and peace is among those things we respect in accordance with Islamic principles.

An Islamic peace is a peace that will turn two hostile sides into friends and brothers. We want such a peace, not the kind of peace which [words indistinct] and the damage which has been inflicted must be paid for; this cannot be considered as peace. [Words indistinct] this is not peace.

They want to plunder a country, destroy it. Now they have set Mahshahr and Naftshahr on fire so that when they are expelled from there [words indistinct] we are dealing with such a kind of people. How can we sit and talk with (?them) unconditionally, or reach agreement?

Let the Security Council suggest that we do so; let the whole world suggest that we do so; we will not be able to accept, no wise man can accept such peace. [chants of "God is great," "Khomeyni is the leader," "Death to America," "Death to Russia," "Death to treacherous hypocrites," "Death to Israel"]

All the mediation delegations that have visited Iran in the past or may come in future, know well that we have one thing to talk about. We accept peace, we welcome peace, but an honorable and Islamic peace: a peace which would ascertain the aggressor's actions; a peace by which the damage inflicted upon our country is paid for, not the kind of peace which on one hand asserts peace and on the other hand, shells deprived and oppressed people.

Saddam's peace-loving claim is identical to American or Israeli pacifism, the same as the deviationists, the same as the hypocrites' claim of support for the masses, who, on one hand, claim to be working for the masses and on the other commit such crimes.

These people [as heard] have yet to assassinate a prominent individual, an individual holding a high position. Nor have they resorted to terrorism against rich, affluent individuals. They still have to assassinate one of these individuals. All the terrorism carried out has been aimed against shopkeepers selling shirts, curtains, groceries or herbs. And then, when they decide to display their power, they resort to such an act, which they later deny.

The same thing applies to Israel. It claims to have had no hand in the events which occurred in Lebanon. It claims its adherence to humanitarianism, and says it would never resort to such worthless deeds.

These people fit this category. They claim to support the nation, but what do they do? They burn an area situated in the southern part of the town, where there are men working hard to support their wives and children, or they burn down hotels where poor, not rich, people stay. This is how they deal with them.

Today, the world is suffering from a disease, a chronic disease that cannot be cured easily; the world is ailing. Today, all countries [words indistinct]. They have poisoned people and have poisoned the thoughts of their nations and paralyzed their own people. They have deprived these nations, they have put them under economic pressure and they have made these poor people toil. They have plundered the result of their labor so much so that these nations became ill; their thought has been wiped out.

A person is needed who will come and revive these people. I hope, God willing, his holiness the lord of the age will come as soon as possible to reform them, to reform this [word indistinct] of corruption with his messiah's breath. May God grant us success in serving this nation, serving Islam, and saving the world's oppressed.

May God's mercy and blessings be upon you.

MATERIALS CONCERNING RECENT IRANIAN OFFENSIVE

Joint Communique No 2

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[Communique No 2 of the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. "Kill the infidels. God harms them through you and he shall denigate them. You will trimph over them, while (Ahriman's) heart laments this victory." [Koranic verses]

Greetings to the revolutionary Iranian Muslim people who through their devotion have assisted the Islamic army in recovering every inch of our Islamic homeland. Greetings to the Islamic combatants who through their self-sacrifice for the sake of dear Islam managed to respond to some of the expectations of the Islamic nation at this stage of the Muslim Son of the Prophet [Muslim ibn-e'Aqil] Operation. Greetings to the imam of the nation, the idol-busting Khomeyni, through whose imam-like leadership, daily we are witnessing the ascendency and glory of Islam in Iran as well as in the remotest corners of the world.

The latest results of the victorious operations launched this morning, 1 October, on the western sector of the country and west of Sumar, which culminated by this afternoon in the completion of the stationing of the Islamic forces, are as follows:

1. The liberation of more than 150 square km of Iranian territory -- a territory controlled by the enemy for the past 2 years and 10 days.

2. The liberation and mopping up of seven occupied Iranian frontier outposts on the western sector of the country. They are: Salman (Keshteh), (San Baban), Qalieh Ju, Sumar, (Miyan Tang), (?Dusteh) and (Kani Sur).

3. The establishment of military security in the Iraqi town of Mandali as well as along the strategic route of Naft Khaneh-Mandali inside Iraq.

4. The establishment of complete observation over the Mandali road to Baghdad, the center of the Ba'thists.

5. The annihilation, destruction and explusion of the cowardly enemy from the theater of operations and the capture of many enemy soldiers and officers.

6. The damage and capture of considerable quantity of booty. The POW's and booty are being transferred behind the frontline. With God's assistance, the victory of the Islamic combatants shall continue. Further details will be made available in subsequent communiques.

[Signed] The Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Report on Communique No 1,065

LD011826 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Text] In its 1065th communique, the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while reporting on the triumphant Muslim Son of the Prophet [Muslim ibn-e 'Aqil] Operation launched on the western fronts, also reported on the situation at the other fronts of the battle between the right and wrong, as follows:

In the Mehran region, the aggressor's operation to penetrate the city of Mehran was repulsed by the heavy fire of our forces. The Iraqi military personnel were forced to retreat. On the Qasr-e Shirin, Dehloran, Musian and Shur-e Shirin fronts, our combat units also halted all enemy actions and responded to their fire.

In addition to the victories achieved on the western fronts, our fighting brothers are continuing their activities with dedication and devotion on the southern fronts.

On the southern fronts, engagement with the enemy is mostly in the form of periodic exchanges of fire. Our forces are defending their positions by returning the enemy's fire. Yesterday an enemy ammunition dump was set on fire in this region and, as a result of fire by the gendarmerie coastal units, a number of enemy bunkers across the Arvand Rud were destroyed.

Saddam's mercenary army yesterday opened fire on some residential sectors of Abadan, destroying part of a hospital and starting some fires.

6 Iraqi Counterattacks Fail

GF011703 Tehran IRNA in English 1701 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Text] An-Najaf headquarters, Oct 1, IRNA -- During today's offensive of the Islamic forces in the Sumar region, overlooking the Iraqi city of Mandali, enemy aircraft were several times repulsed by the antiaircraft fire of the combatants of the Islamic Republic, before carrying out any operations.

Meanwhile since the beginning of the operation, some eight enemy counteroffensives were repelled, as the Islamic forces continue to strengthen their positions on the recaptured heights.

Iraqi POW's Cited

LD011214 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Text] The first group of Iraqi POW's captured by the fighters of Islam in the victorious Muslim Son of the Prophet Operation talked to an IRNA reporter after being evacuated to behind the front lines.

(Muhammad 'Abid 'Ali), 32 years old, an NCO of the (Bighar) Armored Battalion, said that a large number of personnel of that battalion, including himself, were overpowered and captured by the fighters of Islam at 0700 today east of the town of Mandali after the powerful onslaught of the forces of Islam.

Chief Warrant Officer (Abu-Najaf), who was captured in the border area, said that Iraqi Armored Battalion 1,713 suffered heavy losses and casualties during the offensive and most members of the battalion were either killed or captured by the forces of Islam by 1000 today.

Private (Jasim Khalil Ibrahim), 27 years old, said that he was captured at 0300 today near Mandali.

Private (Karim Jasim), 50 years old, from (Diyareh), who was a farmer, said that the infidel Saddamists had forced him to come to the fronts around Sumar. He was very happy to have been captured by the forces of Islam and he added that the mercenaries of Saddam had threatened him with death if he did not obey.

According to IRNA, all the Iraqi POW's talked about the Islamic behavior of the soldiers of Islam and some of the wounded POW's were immediately taken to hospitals.

Rafsanjani on Offensive

LD021136 Tehran IRNA in English 1047 GMT 2 Oct 82

[Text] Tehran, Oct 2, IRNA -- Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani said in an interview published this morning that all planned objectives for the recapturing of Iranian heights overlooking the Iraqi city of Mandali had been achieved. He said that before Friday's offensive, "the Iraqis had created a barrier in our road to reach Baghdad."

In his statements, published in today's issue of the daily JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI, Rafsanjani added that Operation "Muslim ibn-e Aghil" [Muslim Son of the Prophet] had shown the Iraqis that they were not able to defend themselves as they had claimed. He said that the recaptured heights were very important strategic points which had fallen in Iranian hands, "in a matter of few hours."

"Our forces showed that they are acting stronger than in the past, and the Iraqi forces were fleeing (the front) worse than before," the speaker was quoted as saying.

The representative of Imam Khomeyni in the Supreme Defence Council further said that the swift achievement of the offensive had made it clear that Iraq was vulnerable in other regions on the way to Baghdad as well.

"We got these hills from their hands so easily; therefore, the situation is clear in other places. We are now 100 kms from Baghdad," he said.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Rafsanjani then said that Iran had only aimed at capturing of the heights, and brushed aside Iraqi claims as lies that Iran had wanted to capture Mandali.

"All of our aims were these same places which we got, but we did not think that this place could be gained so easily," he said.

At the end of the interview Speaker Rafsanjani said that the Islamic Republic preferred to inflict limited blows to Iraq so that the Ba'thist regime would come to itself and end the war.

2 Iraqi Border Posts Captured

GF021541 Tehran IRNA in English 1515 GMT 2 Oct 82

[Text] An-Najaf headquarters, Oct 2, IRNA -- In the continuation of Friday's "Muslim ibn-e Aghil" offensive, the Islamic forces captured two Iraqi border posts last night. The "Kumeh Sang" and "Luleh Sharif" posts, located eight and ten kms from the Iraqi city of Mandali respectively, are firmly under control of the Islamic forces.

Also this morning, the Iraqi enemy tried to re-occupy yesterday's liberated areas through launching a counterattack which was repelled, causing a considerable number of casualties for the Iraqis.

Exchanges of fire persisted last night in the northern and southern operational regions, while the defenders of the Islamic revolution continued to strengthen their positions in the regained territories.

Reports reaching here from the front said that the positions of the Islamic forces around the liberated border post of "Salman Koshteh" were under intense enemy fire for an hour between 07:00 and 08:00 hours this morning. However, enemy fire was fiercely returned by the Islamic combatants, and as of 09:30 hours this morning, the exchange of fire was continuing.

Meanwhile, the Islamic forces positioned themselves in the liberated heights, northeast of Mandali. However, they have not opened fire on the city, and they are awaiting orders from from their commanders.

'Fourth Phase' in Operation

LD021826 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Oct 82

[Communique issued by the Publicity Office of the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The brave nation of Islam, the Muslim and victorious nation of Iran: Simultaneously with the extended attack on the western fronts and the recapture of another part of our land occupied by the Ba'thist-Zionist regime of Iraq, your self-sacrificing sons of the selfless guards, the Mobilization forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran together with the tribal forces began the fourth phase of the Hasan, Son of 'Ali [Hasan ibn 'Ali] Operation codenamed [Ya Zeyn al-'Abedin] [the fourth imam of the Shi'ites] this morning and succeeded in dealing another crushing blow on the army of the 'Afaqist Saddam.

In these successful operations, which were carried out by 14 guerrilla groups from the corps of Islam in the Meymak region, the victorious combatants of Islam succeeded in killing more than 150 Saddamists and wounding hundreds of them while destroying 3 ammunition depots, 70 entrenchments, 55 foxholes, 3 vehicles carrying ammunition, 16 medium-range weapon's emplacements and 1 observation post of the Saddamist army. Also in the Mehran region, the combatants of Islam from the victorious Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the selfless Guards Corps, the Mobilization forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, and the gendarmerie together with the Muslim tribesmen, succeeded in carrying out a coordinated guerrilla operation this morning. They penetrated inside the enemy territory, set fire to and destroyed Durraji, (?Tall Sharqi) and (Ta'n) posts inside Iraq and all the fortifications in the region, killing a large number of Saddamists.

It is worth noting that a number of soldiers of the pro-American Saddam fled toward the town of Zurbatiyah in Iraq as soon as they learned of the attack by the corps of Islam. In these successful operations, one enemy tank was set on fire and destroyed on the Durraji-[word indistinct] axis.

The victorious combatants of Islam, having captured a considerable amount of booty, returned to their bases unharmed at the end of the operation.

Seek assistance from God and victory is near.

[Signed] The Publicity Office of the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

Joint Staff Communique 1,067

LD021754 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 2 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,067 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. We pray to and thank God Almighty for giving daily ascendency to the Islamic fighters and followers of Islam, bringing their victory nearer. While expressing our greetings to the pure souls of the martyrs who gave their lives fighting on the front where good is facing evil, we now report some of the operations and sacrifices of the devoted fighters and soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran:

In the course of the victorious Muslim Son of the Prophet [Muslim ibn-e Aqil] Operation, launched in the western sector, considerable casualties and losses were inflicted on the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries. Our self-sacrificing forces, having smashed the enemy's positions and (?fortifications) and having achieved their objectives, captured 103 Iraqi mercenaries.

On these same fronts, the Islamic heroes, having fortified their new positions, repulsed the Iraqi mercenaries' counteroffensives and [passage indistinct], while maintaining their control over the area and the initiative against the forces of the infidels, continued to shell the Iraqi Ba'thists' positions.

Following the rightful victory of the Islamic forces on the western fronts, the Saddamist criminals this morning bombed Gilan-e Gharb, killing 11 civilians and wounding 3. Exchange of artillery and heavy-weapon fire also continued sporadically in the other sectors of the western fronts.

On the southern front and in the Ramadan theater of operations, periodic firing continued between the Islamic forces and the invading Iraqi mercenaries, while the mighty forces of the Islamic army, together with other Islamic forces, continued to fortify their positions. Two Muslim Iraqi soldiers yesterday surrendered to the Islamic forces on the southern front, seeking asylum.

Yesterday a number of Iraqi aircraft tried to violate our western and southern airspace but were forced to flee as a result of the tactical operation of the air force and because of air defense fire.

On 29 and 30 September 24 self-sacrificing fighters of the ground forces and 9 gendarmerie soldiers were martyred. God bless their souls.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Joint Staff Communique 1,068

LD031752 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,068 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. Congraulations on the birthday of Imam 'Ali an-Naqi, peace be upon him. A summary of the situation in the operational regions is hereby brought to the attention of the Muslim and struggling nation of Iran:

Following the great Muslim Son of the Prophet Operation in the western regions of the country, all the units participating in these operations are consolidating and establishing their positions, carrying out mopping-up operations, and collecting military equipment and other spoils in the liberated regions. Our forces are maintaining their supremacy and are conscientiously defending their positions. This morning the forces of Islam, while crushing enemy resistance and foiling local counteroffensives, continued their missions so that enemy tanks had to leave the region while our forces continued their advance. The number of POW's evacuated behind the lines as of this morning was 189, of which 10 were wounded and were hospitalized.

Generally, so far the assigned objectives have been achieved and all enemy counteroffensives have been foiled, but sporadic clashes still continue. According to the latest reports, in the operations carried out in the western parts of the country, a number of fuel tanks and oil installations in Banmil and Naft Khaneh in Iraq have been destroyed by artillery fire.

On other western fronts of the country, including Qasr-e Shirin, the intensive exchange of fire continues. In the Ilam region, sporadic exchange of fire is reported.

In the southern operational parts of the country, the combative forces of Islam are returning enemy fire and are protecting and defending their positions. Yesterday, our forces' fire on enemy positions on the other side of the Arvand Rud destroyed four observation posts, trenches and foxholes of the aggressors and some casualties were inflicted on them.

During the past 24 hours, all enemy air attacks have been foiled by antiaircraft defense units and the encroaching planes were forced to flee.

On 1 October 16 personnel of the ground forces and one of the combatants of the air force were martyred. May their path continue.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Operation in Meymak Region

LD031730 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 Oct 82

[Communique of the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. The fifth stage of the penetrating Hasan ibn 'Ali Operation, peace be upon him, was implemented at dawn today in the Meymak sector. During the operation, which started at 0130 and was codenamed "God is great, Khomeyni is the leader," a number of guerrilla groups of the combatants of Islam comprising revolution guards, Mobilization and Muslim tribesmen, supported by the artillery fire of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, penetrated enemy territory and inflicted heavy losses and casualties on the feeble enemy.

Thanks to the heroic operations of the victorious forces of Islam, more than 100 Saddamists were killed and 150 were wounded. Also, 60 slit trenches and foxholes, several heavy weapons and observation bunkers and two vehicles of the Ba'thist aggressors were destroyed. Three tanks and five large ammunition dumps of the Ba'thist Zionist forces were also destroyed during the operation.

After completing their successful operations, the sagamakers of the fronts of the war between truth and falsehood returned to their bases safely with their booty.

In the hope of the final victory of the combatants of Islam over world blasphemy.

[Signed] The Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

QASHQA'I TRIBAL LEADER EXECUTED 1 OCTOBER

LD011938 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 1 Oct 82

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, on the verdict of the Shiraz Islamic Revolution Court, confirmed by the Qom Supreme Judicial Tribunal, Khosrow Khan Qashqa'i, a CIA element and murderer of many tribesmen, oppressed people in the region and guard brothers was executed publicly tonight by the tribesmen. His execution was witnessed by a large crowd of people and the region's brave tribesmen and women.